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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Tung S Lau	2863	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 March 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>5</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings Objection

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 (o) which requires legends on drawings in figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 7B, 12, 14, 18 and 19, the generic blocks should be provided with descriptive labels (e.g. software protocol, transmitter, frequency hopper, receiver, etc), correction is required

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

a. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greer (U.S. Patent 6,285,959) in view of Eschenbach (U.S. Patent 6,124,825) .

Greer discloses a processing apparatus that derives the calibration information to measure and detect position and attitude (col. 4, lines 52-61), with input, acquisition and operations means (fig. 3, 4), measures directly to the object (fig. 3), using coordinate system transformation to measures position (col. 6, lines 50-20), determine pitch, roll and yaw angle information (col. 6, lines 17-26), the non-

contact sensor included attitude and magnetic sensor (col. 4, lines 52-61), image capturing real space, object (fig. 4-6), obtain geometric information, picture regeneration using a processor (fig. 4), share of information, output can be of display screen (fig. 4), a computer stage medium to store program code (fig. 4).

Greer does not disclose the usage of image geometrically superimposed, Eschenbach disclose such application for greater accuracy of image positioning (col. 5, lines 10-35)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Greer to have the usage of image geometrically superimposed taught by Eschenbach in order to have a greater accuracy of image positioning system.

In regards to claim 3, Greer does not guide the object to the predetermined position. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Greer to guide the object to the predetermined position if such application is needed.

In regards to claim 15, Greer does not disclose the draw of a wire frame on an object. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to know that generating an digital image on a display involve constructing a frame image is a common approach and practice.

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In regards to claim 15, Greer does not disclose a switching process of a mixed reality and derivation mode, It is inherently obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to know that the teaching of Eschenbach would have suggested such applications is proper using the superimposed idea.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 703-305-3309.


The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John S Hilten can be reached on 703-308-0719. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-5841 for regular communications and 703-308-5841 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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